

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office action dated June 29, 2009, which specified a three-month shortened statutory period for reply. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 36.